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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Kathleen Hanrahan, a married woman,

Plaintiff,

vs.

AMMO, Inc., a Delaware corporation; Fred
Wagenhals and Heather Wagenhals, husband
and wife,

Defendants.

Case No.:

COMPLAINT

(JURY TRIAL DEMANDED)

Plaintiff Kathleen Hanrahan, by and through counsel, alleges as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This action arises under the whistleblower protection provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, 18 U.S.C. §1514A *et seq.* and the whistleblower protection provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act, 15 U.S.C. §17u-6 *et seq.* Jurisdiction is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, as well as under 28 U.S.C. § 1343(a)(4), and 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202. This suit is authorized and instituted pursuant to the above federal

1 statutes. The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked to secure protection of and to redress
2 deprivation of rights secured by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the Dodd-Frank Act.

3 2. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because Defendants' principal
4 place of business is in this district. Venue is also proper because a substantial part of the
5 events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in this judicial district.

6 **PARTIES**

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8 3. Plaintiff Kathleen Hanrahan is a married woman and resides in Maricopa
9 County, Arizona. Plaintiff was President of the Global Tactical Defense Division of
10 Defendant AMMO since March 2018, and a member of Defendant AMMO's Board of
11 Directors since November of 2017. For nearly 15 years (1996 – 2010), prior to her
12 engagement with Defendant, Plaintiff was an executive for TASER International, Inc.
13 (now AXON). During her tenure in their "C" Suite (serving as the CFO, COO and
14 President), TASER transitioned from a privately held, family-run company generating
15 \$2.0 million in sales, to a publicly traded organization on the NASDAQ Stock Exchange,
16 reporting more than \$100 million in annual revenue with significant gross margins. Since
17 leaving TASER in 2010, she has served as a consultant, interim executive and
18 advisor/director for a number of private and publicly traded organizations in vastly
19 different industries, including the financial services, consumer products, and the security
20 and defense markets.
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23 4. Defendant AMMO, Inc. is a publicly traded Delaware corporation doing
24 business in the State of Arizona. It has corporate headquarters at 7681 East Gray Road,
25 Scottsdale, Arizona 85260. It represents itself on its website as "a leading vertically

1 integrated producer of high-performance ammunition and components and operator of
2 GunBroker.com, the largest online marketplace serving the firearms and shooting sports
3 industries”.

4 5. Defendants Fred Wagenhals and Heather Wagenhals are husband and wife
5 and reside in Maricopa County, Arizona. At all times mentioned herein, Defendant Fred
6 Wagenhals was the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Defendant
7 AMMO, and Plaintiff’s supervisor. All acts of Defendant Fred Wagenhals were done for
8 and on behalf of his marital community and within the course and scope of his
9 employment as AMMO’s Chief Executive Officer.
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11 6. This Complaint also concerns the actions of various members of Defendant
12 AMMO’s executive management team.
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14 **EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES**

15 7. Plaintiff timely filed complaints with the United States Department of
16 Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration in August 2019. After a 2.5 year
17 investigation, on February 7, 2021, the Secretary issued the following findings:

18 “As a result of the investigation, OSHA has determined that reasonable
19 cause exists to believe that a violation of SOX occurred. Specifically, after
20 evaluating all of the evidence provided by the employer and the
21 Complainant, OSHA finds reasonable cause to believe that Complainant’s
22 protected activity was a contributing factor in the adverse action.
23 Complainant established that she engaged in a protected activity by
24 complaining to Respondent’s CEO on February 1, 2019 her concerns about
25 stock transactions that violated SEC rules and by emailing multiple SOX-
related complaints to the CEO on May 19, 2019; that Respondent took an
adverse action against Complainant when, at the CEO’s request,
shareholders removed Complainant from its BOD on May 23, 2019; that
the employer was aware of the Complainant’s protected activity; and that a

1 causal link existed between Complainant's protected activity and the
2 adverse employment action because of the close proximity in time between
3 Complainant's protected activity and her removal from the BOD. However,
4 Complainant's claim of constructive discharge was not supported by the
5 evidence and testimony available. Respondent's stated reason for removing
Complainant from the BOD appears pretextual and not genuine.
Respondent did not meet its burden to justify the adverse action for a non-
discriminatory reason."

6 As noted, the Secretary's findings were in the Plaintiff's favor, acknowledging SOX
7 violations occurred, and that Plaintiff was engaged in protected activity, and as a result
8 suffered adverse employment action in relation to her Board position and ordered
9 reinstatement and awarded lost compensation, as well as compensatory damages. More
10 than 180 days have elapsed since filing the complaint with DOL and OSHA. Plaintiff has
11 therefore exhausted her administrative remedies.

12 **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

13 **A. Plaintiff Learns About Defendant AMMO's Improper Corporate** 14 **Formation and Inappropriate Stock Transaction by AMMO Executives and Notifies** 15 **Defendant Wagenhals of Her Discovery.** 16

17 8. In early August 2018, Plaintiff learned about serious concerns relating to
18 the corporate formation of Respondent AMMO. In connection with these concerns, on
19 August 8, 2018, Chris Besing, former Audit Committee Chairman, provided Plaintiff
20 with a copy of a lawsuit filed by the SEC in the United States District Court, Southern
21 District of California against AMMO's prior SEC Counsel, Luke Zouvas, and
22 Christopher D. Larson, AMMO's Vice President of Finance. The SEC lawsuit alleged
23 that Mr. Zouvas and Mr. Larson engaged in a "pump-and-dump" scheme to manipulate
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1 the market for the stock of Crown Dynamics, Corp, a microcap company also listed on
2 the over-the counter (“OTC”) Markets.¹

3 9. For the next ninety days, AMMO and its counsel worked extensively with
4 Complainant to prepare a series of filing and corrections with the States of Delaware,
5 California, Arizona and the SEC related to the original mergers constructed to transition
6 AMMO into a publicly traded entity authorized to sell shares of its stock on the open
7 market. This included the final merger/acquisition of the ammunition operation known
8 as AMMO Inc. by Retrospectiva, the public shell. According to Defendant Wagenhals,
9 the prior corporate paperwork had all been prepared by Mr. Zouvas, along with Mr.
10 Larson and Jay Grdina, AMMO’s then Chief Marketing Officer. Defendant Wagenhals,
11 Mr. Larson and Mr. Grdina were the Founders of AMMO, Inc. and three of the largest
12 shareholders in the Company.
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15 10. From August until mid-September 2018 the corporate documents
16 associated with the three corporations used to form AMMO, Inc. were reviewed and
17 revised. This included significant changes to the affected corporations’ Articles of
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19 ¹ On June 1, 2020, the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona entered final consent
20 judgments against Luke C. Zouvas, Christopher D. Larson and Cameron F. Robb for their
21 roles in an alleged fraudulent stock promotion scheme. Without admitting or denying the
22 allegations, Larson and Robb consented to the final judgments, which permanently enjoin
23 them from violating the antifraud provisions of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of
24 1933, and Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In
25 addition, the court ordered Larson and Robb to pay disgorgement and prejudgment
interest, jointly and severally, of \$320,672, and ordered each to pay a civil penalty of
\$75,000. The Court also imposed five-year conduct-based injunctions and officer and
director bars against them. Separately, on June 3, 2020, Larson agreed to be permanently
suspended from appearing and practicing before the SEC as an accountant, which
includes not participating in the financial reporting or audits of public companies.

1 Incorporation and Bylaws, to correct formation errors, which required both Board and
2 shareholder approval to execute. In lieu of a formal shareholder meeting to obtain
3 approval of the Articles and Bylaws, the Company elected to use a written shareholder
4 consent, that could be delivered to solicit the requisite votes.

5 11. In preparation, Plaintiff requested a current listing of shareholders from
6 Ron Shostack, AMMO's then Chief Financial Officer, and was provided an Excel
7 spreadsheet which included what was supposed to be AMMO's most recent capitalization
8 table and shareholder list. To ensure passage of the consent action, Defendant Wagenhals
9 identified sufficient shareholders to meet the 51% threshold required under Delaware
10 law. He, Tod Wagenhals, and Chris Larson then began calling and discussing the
11 modifications with individuals they believed would approve the required actions, a
12 practice later utilized to remove Plaintiff from her position on the Board of Directors.
13 This list included the shares held by Messrs. Larson, Wagenhals and Grdina. Each
14 founder (Messrs. Larson, Wagenhals and Grdina) voted several ballots to account for the
15 list of entities in which they claimed ownership over, and AMMO believed their shares
16 were held. (These numbers tied to the original share count issued to each).

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19 12. It was not until Plaintiff was preparing the final exhibit detailing the stock
20 sales by Mr. Larson and Mr. Grdina to support her case, that she discovered all three
21 founders voted shares in late 2018 they no longer owned or had control over at the time
22 their ballots were cast. Plaintiff noted this as a significant deficiency in the Company's
23 internal controls over financial reporting. Industry best practice requires that all insider
24 sales and transactions be properly documented, with notice provided to the Chief
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1 Financial Officer before the sale transacts to ensure compliance as well as the completion
2 of requisite Section 16 paperwork and filings. This practice enables the CFO to update
3 all stock ledgers and cap tables for insider holdings, and to ensure the proper filings are
4 prepared and submitted to the SEC.

5 13. Unfortunately, because neither Mr. Larson or Mr. Grdina notified the CFO
6 of their sales throughout 2018, and because Mr. Larson with the assistance of Mr.
7 Dominic Daddio, coordinated all related activity with the stock transfer agent directly
8 during this time period, the CFO and Company were unaware Messrs. Larson, Grdina
9 and others no longer held title to the shares sold, or that the Company's stock ledgers
10 were inaccurate. The same was true for the shares Defendant Wagenhals gifted to several
11 individuals, including Plaintiff, in 2018. All three founders failed to notify the CFO, or
12 publicly report their stock sales and/or transfers as is required by the SEC for all Section
13 16 officers.
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15 14. In fact, it was not until March 11, 2020, six months after Plaintiff filed her
16 initial Complaint with the United States Department of Labor, and more than 2 years
17 after the insider stock sales began, that the Company and the executives finally began to
18 disclose stock transactions. None of these filing included the sale of shares or transfers
19 made by the three Founders during Plaintiff's employment, and several significant sales
20 of shares occurred during both quiet and blackout periods for the corporation.
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22 15. As founders, and key members of Executive Management, as well as the
23 three largest stockholders, Plaintiff had a good faith belief all of these individuals were
24 subject to the regulations governing Section 16 officers with respect to publicly
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1 disclosing the issuance, transfer and sale of the Respondent AMMO's securities due to
2 their significant executive leadership roles within the company and their access to
3 privileged insider information. As former public company executives subject to Section
4 16 reporting, both Defendant Wagenhals and Mr. Larson (already under investigation by
5 the SEC) knew failure to report insider transactions were violations of SEC regulations.

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7 16. On October 8, 2018, Chris Besing, the Audit Committee Chair (May 2018
8 – October 2018), asked for clarification on stock transactions he found when reviewing
9 the transfer agent logs and Company documentation. Specifically, Mr. Besing wanted
10 specific details pertaining to an unusually large stock grant issuance (500,000 shares) to
11 Ricky Mooroian, now deceased, who was then contracted for IT Services, and in 2018
12 hired as the Head of IT. In response, Mr. Besing was provided a vague disclosure from
13 Mr. Larson that was inconsistent with prior SEC filings and did not align with other
14 employee or contractor grants issued for more substantial services. Subsequently, on
15 October 10, 2018, Chris Besing resigned from AMMO's Board of Directors after meeting
16 with SEC counsel Jon Cohen and Plaintiff, and subsequently called Plaintiff stating there
17 was too much risk, given Mr. Larson and Mr. Grdina's involvement in AMMO, Inc and
18 the lack of sufficient internal controls.
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21 17. On or about November 8, 2018, Defendant Wagenhals expressed concern
22 to Plaintiff because he believed Mr. Grdina was selling shares of AMMO stock while at
23 the same time was out raising capital through private offerings and presenting to potential
24 investors. Defendant Wagenhals became aware of this fact after Terry Dean, an outside
25 sales representative for AMMO, contacted Defendant Wagenhals and indicated that Mr.

1 Grdina approached him to sell shares of his stock stating he needed the cash. Mr. Dean
2 called Defendant Wagenhals to inquire whether he knew Mr. Grdina was selling AMMO
3 stock and to make sure there was not an issue with potential insider sales transactions.

4 18. Defendant Wagenhals asked Plaintiff if there was a way to know if Mr.
5 Grdina had sold any of his AMMO shares and Plaintiff told him the Stock Transfer agent
6 records would detail any and all transactions. Defendant Wagenhals asked Plaintiff to
7 review the information and advise him as to whether Mr. Grdina had in fact sold shares to
8 anyone, and to inform him how many of his shares were disposed of. Defendant
9 Wagenhals stated both Mr. Grdina and Mr. Larson had repeatedly told him they had
10 never sold any of their stock.
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12 19. On November 8, 2018, Plaintiff had the transfer records pulled and sent to
13 her. She created a spreadsheet of all Mr. Grdina's transactions to include the date of
14 transaction, the number of shares sold/transferred, the market price range for the date of
15 sale, and a running tally of his position. During her review, Plaintiff discovered a
16 significant number of shares were also sold by Chris Larson, Dominic Daddio, Human
17 Resources (who oversaw stock transactions and wires), as well as Ricky Mooroian, the
18 employee flagged by the former Audit Committee Chair. Because both Mr. Larson and
19 Mr. Grdina were the founders and AMMO executives, Plaintiff had a good faith belief
20 they were also Section 16 sales subject to public disclosure. Plaintiff's internal
21 investigation focused on Mr. Larson and Mr. Grdina.
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23 20. During her review of the transfer agent logs, Plaintiff also discovered that
24 in late 2017 and again sometime in April or May of 2018, the trading restrictions of
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1 nearly 3.0 million shares of stock held by insiders and individuals with inside knowledge
2 of the Company's financial position had the stock restriction removed. This included
3 more than a million shares of Mr. Larson's stock, as well as shares held by Messrs.
4 Zouvas, Daddio, Moorioian, and a few others. This removal of the stock legend from
5 insider shares allowed the shares to be freely traded in the open market, and no longer be
6 subject to the same SEC Rule 144 paperwork required for all other shareholders of the
7 Company's stock.
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9 21. Concerned with what she had found, Plaintiff reviewed the Board minutes
10 and SEC filings to see if AMMO or its Board of Directors had ever approved of, or
11 reported, this lifting of restriction under the Rule 144 exemption for a select group of
12 employees and insiders. There was no record of its approval or disclosure to the Board, or
13 the Audit Committee. In addition, Plaintiff verified that no Registration or public
14 disclosure was filed disclosing the restriction removal to shareholders.²
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16 22. After reviewing the records, Plaintiff asked Defendant Wagenhals if he was
17 aware that these shares no longer carried the restricted legend, typically removed under
18 the Rule 144 exemption at the time of sale. Plaintiff expressed her concern that lifting of
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21 ² Rule 144 is a regulation enforced by the SEC under which restricted, unregistered and
22 controlled securities can be sold or resold.) Rule 144 provides an exemption from
23 registration requirements to sell the securities through public markets if a number of
24 specific conditions are met. The regulation applies to all types of sellers, in addition to
25 issuers of securities, underwriters and dealers. However, if the sellers are affiliates, or if
the Issuer's stock trades on the "over the counter" exchanges (OTC) the restrictions for
selling are much more comprehensive, to include the filing of a "notice to sell", and,
actual sales of stock are limited based upon the average reported weekly trading volumes.
AMMO, Inc. was, at the time listed on the OTC under the ticker symbol "POWW".

1 the restrictions was coordinated by employees without Board approval or public
2 disclosure and further expressed her concern that this type of unregistered lifting of stock
3 restrictions for insiders could result in SEC violations. Defendant Wagenhals denied any
4 knowledge of the registration lifting at this time. (It was later noted by Defendant
5 Wagenhals in May 2019, he was aware of the restriction being lifted on certain insider
6 shares in order for the Company to comply with the national stock exchange
7 requirements for shares held in the public float). As the Chairman of the Board, and
8 CEO, Defendant Wagenhals by his own admission, acknowledges that he was fully aware
9 this was done without the knowledge or consent of the Board, and was not properly
10 approved by or disclosed to the shareholders of the Company putting the directors and
11 officers at risk.
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13 23. Plaintiff questioned Defendant Wagenhals' response, and whether the
14 action taken was permitted under SEC regulations. She also expressed her concern that
15 the Company's shareholders could raise issues with this action based on the Company's
16 failure to obtain approval on a pending Registration Statement filed on Forms S-1 and S-
17 1/A registering more than 13.9 million shares sold to investors in a private offering. It
18 was not until late 2019 that the Company filed an amended S-1/A to register the shares
19 held by the original investors. This Registration Statement became "effective" on
20 September 26, 2019, again years after insiders began trading in their shares of stock while
21 at the same time selling new shares to investors through private offerings without
22 properly disclosing their own insider transactions.
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1 24. On several occasions after learning of Mr. Grdina and Mr. Larson's stock
2 sales, Defendant Wagenhals told Plaintiff and Tod Wagenhals, his son and Executive
3 Vice President, Defendant Wagenhals felt betrayed by Mr. Larson and Mr. Grdina.
4 Defendant Wagenhals commented they were his "partners", had committed not to sell,
5 and acknowledged they both put the Company at risk by selling their shares and
6 questioned their long-term commitment to him and the Company. Defendant Wagenhals
7 also commented on several occasions that he held Mr. Larson personally accountable for
8 all the errors in the corporate filings he believed occurred because Mr. Larson was under
9 the influence of alcohol for most of 2017 and 2018.
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11 25. Defendant Wagenhals also regularly expressed his frustration with Mr.
12 Larson being absent for more than six months (all paid leave) over the previous twelve
13 months leaving him without financial leadership support. Defendant Wagenhals stated he
14 believed Mr. Larson's absences and errors had cost the Company hundreds of thousands
15 of dollars in time, effort, legal bills as well as the lack of progress with uplisting AMMO
16 Inc.'s stock to a national exchange. Defendant Wagenhals made this same statement to
17 Plaintiff immediately following their trip to New York in April of 2019 described below.
18 Defendant Wagenhals openly discussed his frustration with Mr. Larson's drinking and
19 associated medical leaves of absence. In fact, most if not all employees, and close
20 affiliates of the Company were aware of Mr. Larson's condition, as a result of Defendant
21 Wagenhals' discussions or witnessing Mr. Larson's behavior at the office, or at business
22 events while under the influence.
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1 26. On or about December 1, 2018, Mr. Larson returned from a paid leave of
2 absence (approximately 3 months). During the leave of absence, Plaintiff was asked by
3 Defendant Wagenhals to help cover Mr. Larson's functions within the Company and to
4 support the newly promoted Chief Financial Officer, Robert Wiley. During that time,
5 Plaintiff took over investor calls, presentations and meetings, continued managing Board
6 of Director meeting preparation, financial support of pending acquisitions, press releases,
7 and helped to support daily operations, many of which she had helped or participated in
8 the past. All the while keeping Mr. Larson updated on the activity through email or via
9 telephone conversations when permitted. This was in addition to fulfilling Plaintiff's
10 existing role as the sales executive in charge of the law enforcement and military division
11 for the Company and serving on the Board of Directors.
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13 27. This demonstrates Plaintiff's multiple responsibilities and Defendant
14 Wagenhals' belief that she could not only successfully handle her specific responsibilities
15 as the President of the Global Tactical Defense Division and Director, but also
16 successfully assume those of another key executive. This further demonstrates the
17 pretextual reason Defendant Wagenhals provided when he asked Plaintiff to resign from
18 the Board of Directors. Her continued updates and email correspondence to Mr. Larson
19 during his absence also conflicts with his statements that she was undermining him
20 during his medical leaves of absence.
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22 28. On February 1, 2019, Plaintiff again pulled the stock transfer agent records
23 to update the stock trading information being kept on both Mr. Larson and Mr. Grdina
24 and ensure no further sales were transacted. After finding that both Mr. Larson and Mr.
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1 Grdina continued to sell stock, Plaintiff notified Defendant Wagenhals and asked whether
2 he knew Mr. Larson was selling shares. Defendant Wagenhals said he was aware of the
3 sales, and that Mr. Larson was selling shares to support his legal expenses, which were
4 the result of his current case with the SEC. All of which were conducted without proper
5 public disclosure, and during black out or quiet periods when no Company employee
6 should be selling shares of stock, which as a public company executive Defendant
7 Wagenhals was well aware.
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9 29. After reviewing the transfer agent logs and witnessing trading software in
10 use by Mr. Daddio and Mr. Larson, Plaintiff had a good faith belief that in addition to
11 Mr. Larson and other members of management (specifically Messrs. Daddio and
12 Moororian) selling these shares for monetary gain, they were also trading shares between
13 themselves to ensure the stock price remained at a certain level and had daily volume
14 recorded in an effort to attract other investors. At this point in time, Mr. Grdina was no
15 longer employed by Defendant AMMO, but based on his involvement in the NYSE, he
16 was still receiving privileged inside information relating to AMMO sales, financial
17 results, and future projections. Plaintiff questioned why Defendant Wagenhals was
18 allowing Mr. Larson to sell shares while investor shares were restricted and reminded
19 Wagenhals insider sales should be publicly disclosed through SEC filings. Defendant
20 Wagenhals stated he would address this issue with Mr. Larson, and he did not believe Mr.
21 Larson would be selling any further shares.
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23 30. Plaintiff discovered while preparing information for the Board of Directors
24 meeting scheduled in May 2019, that contrary to what Defendant Wagenhals told her in
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1 February, Mr. Larson was continuing to sell shares in the market, and several of Mr.
2 Larson and Mr. Grdina's stock sales continued to be questionable in terms of their timing.
3 Specifically, the records will reflect shares were sold during blackout or quiet periods and
4 on several occasions tied to significant news relayed in company press releases which
5 Mr. Larson controlled.

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7 **B. Plaintiff, Defendant Wagenhals, and Mr. Larson Meet With Paul**
8 **Dorfman of the NYSE Relative to Uplisting AMMO on the NYSE and Mr. Larson**
9 **Subsequently Creates a Hostile Work Environment for Plaintiff.**

10 31. From March 31-April 3, 2019, Plaintiff, Defendant Wagenhals and Mr.
11 Larson were in New York to attend a microcap conference and meet with the New York
12 Stock Exchange ("NYSE"). Investor presentations are generally provided by the
13 Company's CEO and CFO at investor conferences or summits. Because AMMO's then
14 CFO was inexperienced at presenting to the investment community, Mr. Larson assumed
15 this public facing role with stock sales and strategic financial transactions. The team of
16 Defendant Wagenhals, Plaintiff and Mr. Larson presented to potential investors at this
17 conference and also had one-on-one meetings with investors and institutions interested in
18 learning more about AMMO.

19 32. During these meetings, Mr. Larson was introduced as the Defendant
20 Wagenhals' "partner" and the Company's Vice President of Finance. Defendant
21 Wagenhals regularly commented that he believed Mr. Larson to be his partner, and if he
22 were not currently engaged in defending himself against an SEC complaint, he would
23 appoint Mr. Larson as the President and CFO of AMMO, Inc. Plaintiff believed Mr.
24 Larson was performing those duties, as the de facto for each, without the official titles in
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1 order to remain under the radar of the SEC, due to his ongoing SEC investigation, and to
2 facilitate his trading and sales of the Company's securities without public scrutiny.
3 Plaintiff also believes Mr. Larson avoided public transparency about his position with
4 AMMO to avoid filing the appropriate SEC documents relating to his transactions, even
5 though by SEC definition he was an "insider" subject to Section 16 compliance.

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7 33. On April 2, 2019, Plaintiff, Defendant Wagenhals and Mr. Larson met with
8 Paul Dorfman of the NYSE. During this meeting Mr. Dorfman advised them that
9 contrary to Mr. Larson's ongoing statements to Defendant Wagenhals, AMMO
10 executives, and potential investors, AMMO was not yet in the queue for uplisting, nor
11 was this going to occur until the NYSE received all requested information, and the
12 Company had addressed its working capital deficiency. Specifically, AMMO was
13 requested by the NYSE to provide updated projections, financial statements, and an
14 update on its current capital raise and recent acquisition of Jagemann's Brass Casing
15 Division all of which had not yet been submitted or addressed as of the date of the
16 meeting.

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18 34. This status was significantly different than what Mr. Larson had told
19 Defendant Wagenhals and AMMO executives over the prior three months, resulting in
20 the Company and Mr. Larson falsely communicating the status of the impending uplist to
21 investors and potential investors up to and including those attending meetings with
22 Defendant Wagenhals at the microcap conference the two days prior. According to Mr.
23 Dorfman, AMMO was still in the initial screening process. When Plaintiff asked about
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1 the timing, Mr. Dorfman told her assuming the Company's application and financial
2 position met with the NYSE's standards, best case would be six to eight weeks.

3 35. The Company also learned during this meeting that Mr. Larson had
4 engaged Mr. Grdina to assist with the NYSE uplisting process, knowing Defendant
5 Wagenhals had terminated Mr. Grdina for cause and both Defendant Wagenhals and
6 Plaintiff had serious concerns relating to Mr. Grdina's involvement with the Company
7 given his continued stock sales. Defendant Wagenhals appeared shocked during the
8 NYSE meeting to learn that Mr. Larson had not been truthful with him throughout the
9 uplisting process and to find that Mr. Grdina was still involved with regulatory entities. It
10 is also important to understand that in order for Mr. Grdina to participate, he was given
11 the Company's confidential financial statements, projections, etc. Records reflect that
12 throughout the time that Mr. Grdina and Mr. Larson were working to garner NYSE
13 approval, they were also trading in the AMMO securities.
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16 36. In fact, during the taxi drive to the hotel after the NYSE meeting,
17 Defendant Wagenhals again expressed his anger with Mr. Larson and told Plaintiff he
18 needed to talk with Mr. Larson privately. Plaintiff had a proposal to prepare, so she
19 offered to stay in her room that afternoon and evening to work, enabling Defendant
20 Wagenhals to talk with Mr. Larson one-on-one. After they parted company in the hotel
21 lobby, Defendant Wagenhals called Plaintiff to express his disgust with Mr. Larson
22 again, saying that once again he had been lied to and Mr. Larson had betrayed both him
23 and the Company. Plaintiff listened while Defendant Wagenhals vented, and then called
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1 Tod Wagenhals, an executive vice president for the Company, to give him an update on
2 the situation in New York.

3 37. On April 3, 2019, Defendant Wagenhals asked Plaintiff to stay engaged
4 with the NYSE. He specifically asked her to reach out to Mr. Dorfman to understand
5 what information he still needed and to ensure it was provided by the CFO in Mr.
6 Larson's absence as he no longer trusted Mr. Larson to be honest with him about the
7 process and timing.
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9 38. On April 5, 2019, under the direction of Chris Larson, Rob Wiley, the
10 newly appointed CFO, sent an email and the revised projections to Paul Dorfman, stating
11 he "had cleaned up the projections a little further," as requested. "We removed all future
12 financings as you mentioned below. Please let us know if you have any questions."
13 However, that was not the case. The pro forma financial statements reflected the debt
14 refinancing as having already taken place, which as of that date, it had not. According to
15 Rob Wiley, the Company's CFO, preparation of the financial statements was completed
16 under the direction of Mr. Larson.
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18 39. On April 8, 2019, Defendant Wagenhals and Plaintiff met with Mr. Larson
19 to discuss what happened in New York and what information was provided to Mr.
20 Dorfman. Mr. Larson became agitated with Plaintiff, in particular because she asked
21 about how he could include Mr. Grdina in the NYSE uplisting process. She also asked
22 how Mr. Larson planned to respond to the working capital questions Mr. Dorfman was
23 asking, given AMMO's refinancing/restructure was not completed, nor did they have an
24 extension on the debt incurred through a recent AMMO acquisition. Mr. Larson
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1 responded by telling Plaintiff if she wanted to “fucking handle it, then go ahead.”
2 Defendant Wagenhals advised Plaintiff that he was going to have Mr. Larson continue to
3 work with Mr. Wiley to answer the questions asked and provide all necessary financial
4 information and he would remain involved ensuring its accuracy and timeliness.

5 40. After reviewing the revised projections sent by Mr. Wiley, Mr. Dorfman
6 sent an email to Wiley on April 8, 2019 asking if the AMMO Form 10-K to be filed with
7 the SEC for the year ended March 31, 2019, would reflect the information included in the
8 revised projections. Mr. Wiley was instructed by Mr. Larson to send the response crafted
9 by him, confirming it would. This was after Mr. Dorfman became aware that Mr. Larson
10 was not the CFO and advised Mr. Larson the NYSE was to correspond directly with the
11 applicant’s CFO which he had believed Mr. Larson was until receiving Mr. Wiley’s
12 email.
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14 41. Specifically, the email from Mr. Dorfman stated the following: Question:
15 “Would the \$9.9 million acquisition note payable (to Jagemann) be shown as LTL (long
16 term debt). When does it mature?” The answer provided for this bullet point was “48
17 months.” Mr. Dorfman then asks: “Will the 3/31/19 10-K filing show approximately
18 these numbers from your excel income statement, balance sheet (meeting the projections
19 as provided): \$8.5 million in cash, 15 million current assets, \$54 million in total assets,
20 \$14 million in stockholder’s equity, \$12 million in revenue and \$1.0 million in net loss.”
21 The response was: “The items identified below will be disclosed in our 10-K.
22 Stockholder equity will be significantly higher”.
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1 42. On April 9, 2019, Plaintiff met with Rob Wiley to obtain a copy of
2 Defendant AMMO's April 8 response to the NYSE. After reading it, she asked Mr.
3 Wiley directly whether he was comfortable with the response given by AMMO, in
4 particular what Mr. Larson wrote for him to submit. Mr. Wiley said "no" and asked "if he
5 had done something illegal" by sending the knowingly false information. Plaintiff
6 responded by telling him she did not know whether or not it was illegal, but either way it
7 was misleading and wrong.
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9 43. On April 10, 2019, Plaintiff met with Defendant Wagenhals to discuss
10 Defendant AMMO's response to the NYSE and asked whether he was aware that
11 AMMO had misrepresented the facts in its response. Defendant Wagenhals replied "no
12 he had not seen it," so Plaintiff gave him a copy and asked for his opinion. Defendant
13 Wagenhals told Plaintiff there was no way AMMO would be reporting the sales, net loss
14 or cash position noted in the response to the NYSE. In fact, as noted in the Company's
15 Form 10-K as filed on July 1, 2019, the net sales were \$4.5 million, the net loss was
16 \$11.7 million, \$8.6 million in current assets and the cash balance was \$2.2 million, all
17 significantly lower than stated to the NYSE.
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19 44. Plaintiff went on to share with Defendant Wagenhals she was deeply
20 concerned about Mr. Larson's lack of judgment in the handling of AMMO's attempt to
21 uplist, the continued misstatements about the uplist status, his prior stock transactions,
22 and now in corresponding inaccurate financial information to a representative of a
23 national exchange. Defendant Wagenhals agreed and told Plaintiff he would address Mr.
24 Larson when he came in. Plaintiff assumed, based upon Defendant Wagenhals'
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1 statements, both that morning and in New York, that Mr. Larson would be properly
2 addressed with formal corrective action, and that the prior misstatements would be
3 corrected. No such action was taken and the clash between Plaintiff and Mr. Larson
4 intensified.

5 45. On that same date, Mr. Larson came into Plaintiff's office and yelled at her,
6 stating she had no right to talk to anyone about him. Mr. Larson told her that if she had
7 something to say to him, she should "fucking say it to him." He accused Plaintiff of
8 attempting to undermine him - all as a result of Plaintiff talking with Defendant
9 Wagenhals, her direct supervisor that morning. During this discussion Mr. Larson also
10 made reference to things going on within Plaintiff's department that had not yet been
11 discussed with anyone other than the Research and Development team because the
12 Company was still quantifying a timeline. Specifically, Mr. Larson stated that AMMO
13 was delaying its shipment to a military customer due to material issues. Mr. Larson said
14 Plaintiff should focus on managing her own activities, as she was nothing more than a
15 "fucking sales person."
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18 46. After Mr. Larson walked out of her office, Plaintiff waited several minutes
19 before going to Defendant Wagenhals' office where Mr. Larson and Defendant
20 Wagenhals were sitting and discussing the NYSE. She entered and informed Mr. Larson
21 that he would never address her like that again. If Mr. Larson wanted to discuss
22 something, she was there to address it with Defendant Wagenhals present. Their
23 conversation lasted more than an hour with no resolution. Defendant Wagenhals did not
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1 stay in the room the entire time, nor did he address Mr. Larson's behavior. In fact,
2 Defendant Wagenhals proceeded to take Mr. Larson to lunch, as if nothing had happened.

3 47. Later that day, Plaintiff asked Defendant Wagenhals whether the Company
4 had updated its response to the NYSE. He told her after talking with Mr. Larson and Mr.
5 Wiley, Defendant Wagenhals was comfortable with what was submitted and so were
6 they. It is important to note that although the Company did up-list to a national exchange
7 in December of 2020 (almost 2 years after meeting with Mr. Dorfman), but it was not the
8 NYSE. It is also important to highlight that as previously noted the May 2019 10-K
9 filing referenced by Mr. Dorfman in his April 8, 2019 email to the Company did not
10 reflect the financial position presented by AMMO's Management in early April.
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12 **C. Plaintiff's Email is Compromised.**

13 48. On April 11, 2019, Plaintiff contacted Security Operations Group
14 International, LLC ("SOGI"), her military sales team, and expressed a concern that her
15 computer and email may have been compromised. She came to this conclusion based
16 upon Mr. Larson's comments the prior day and his knowledge of her confidential
17 discussions with her Team. This was a concern because Plaintiff was working with SOGI
18 to obtain a security clearance, enabling her to work with them on special projects for the
19 United States Department of Defense ("DOD"). She had advised IT and the executive
20 management of this effort and the requirement for her email to be secure.
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22 49. Plaintiff was told by SOGI there was a very easy way to detect whether her
23 computer was compromised. They would simply send a test email to verify whether the
24 emails were being opened at another IP address. This test email was sent on April 12,
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1 2019. It was marked "Our Discussions" and referenced a serious matter that required
2 Plaintiff's presence in Washington, D.C. to speak with the NSA. Plaintiff was concerned
3 this compromise could lead Defendant AMMO to lose its potential to secure DOD
4 contracts, jeopardize her security clearance efforts and could be considered the
5 commission of a felony (inappropriate distribution of classified information).

6 50. On April 15, 2019, Plaintiff was notified that the email was opened by two
7 IP addresses on April 12, 2019. One IP address was hers - the other was within
8 AMMO's internal network. This validated her concerns about being inappropriately
9 monitored and she shut down efforts on her security clearance until she was able to
10 secure her email from unauthorized personnel. Plaintiff also notified Tod Wagenhals that
11 the singular test was run, and that she was concerned about the company's internal
12 security. He agreed with Plaintiff that Messrs. Mooradian, Larson, Flynn and Daddio
13 could not be trusted to not read or monitor her activity and supported her need to secure
14 her email. Plaintiff mentioned that SOGI could come out with equipment to scan the
15 offices and install safeguards. Due to the escalation of events following, no further action
16 was taken.

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19 **D. Plaintiff is Excluded from Strategic Meetings Involving Her Team.**

20 51. On April 15-16, 2019, AMMO had meetings with Jagemann Stamping and
21 Jagemann Munition's executives to discuss sales efforts and the manufacturing
22 requirements necessary to support projections given to the Street, the Howell acquisition
23 and other discussions. During these meetings it was evident to attendees there was
24 significant tension between Mr. Larson and Plaintiff, especially after she was "excused"
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1 by Defendant Wagenhals and Mr. Larson from discussions that related to the purchase
2 and installation of equipment required to manufacture the TAC-P, a line of military
3 ammunition being designed and developed by Plaintiff's direct reports specifically for
4 sale within her assigned territory.

5 52. This request was unprecedented. Plaintiff was responsible for developing
6 and implementing the Division's strategy and had worked with her team to prepare for
7 the upcoming discussion. In addition to that, although she was dismissed, her team was
8 brought into the meeting room by Mr. Larson. After being dismissed from the meeting,
9 Dan O'Connor, Audit Committee Chairman, followed Plaintiff to her office to ask if she
10 was okay and to inquire about the tension he observed. She shared with him what
11 happened between April 8-April 10 and that she believed she was being punished and
12 excluded from meetings because of a falling out with Mr. Larson due to her reports to
13 Defendant Wagenhals about Mr. Larson's actions with the NYSE and Mr. Larson's
14 continued stock trading.

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17 **E. Plaintiff Engaged in Protected Activity When She Reported Her**
18 **Discoveries of Illegal Stock Transactions by Defendant AMMO Executives to**
19 **AMMO Audit Committee Chairman, Dan O'Connor and Is Granted Whistleblower**
20 **Protection.**

21 53. On April 17, 2019, Plaintiff received a call from Dan O'Connor who shared
22 with her the outcome of a meeting that he, Mr. Larson, Defendant Wagenhals and Mr.
23 Wiley had relating to the Company's internal controls and governance. (Historically,
24 Plaintiff was a participant in similar meetings, and Mr. O'Connor found it odd she was
25 absent.) Mr. O'Connor was rightfully frustrated, because Mr. Larson continued to deny

1 Defendant AMMO's responsibility to hold itself to a higher public company standard.
2 Mr. O'Connor also mentioned to Plaintiff that Mr. Larson was again disrespectful to him
3 in his answers. Mr. O'Connor asked Plaintiff whether based on her experience she
4 believed the Company had sufficient internal controls and she replied, "No". This was
5 based upon her observations that the Company's controls pertaining to the issuance and
6 control of its common stock were weak and had allowed questionable transactions to
7 occur without oversight.
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9 54. It was Plaintiff's good faith belief that several employees involved in share
10 issuance had either used those loopholes to transact sales or disregarded the SEC
11 regulations entirely. Mr. O'Connor then asked if she was aware of stock sales for
12 employees and she said yes, she had seen them on the transfer agent documentation and
13 she had reported all of this to Defendant Wagenhals on several occasions assuming he,
14 assisted by the CFO, would take action to remedy and report.
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16 55. After recognizing that Defendant Wagenhals had no intention of addressing
17 the concerns raised by Plaintiff, on April 24, 2019, following the internal guidance
18 provided by the Company's governance policies, and because the hostility toward her by
19 Mr. Larson was escalating, Plaintiff reached out to the Audit Committee Chair, Mr.
20 O'Connor, to schedule a call to discuss her concerns. They scheduled a call for later than
21 evening. During this call, and in the weeks following, Plaintiff shared with Mr. O'Connor
22 her concerns about Mr. Larson, the lack of controls on the Company stock, the
23 unauthorized lifting of the restrictions without Board or shareholder notice, her recent
24 treatment by both Defendant Wagenhals and Mr. Larson, and the series of events over the
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1 last couple of months. At this time, Mr. O'Connor stated for the record, that Plaintiff was
2 covered under the Whistleblower Protections offered by the SEC.

3 56. Plaintiff shared with Mr. O'Connor that she felt like this protection began
4 with her November conversation with Defendant Wagenhals about the potential insider
5 trading and had been ongoing in their discussions. She told Mr. O'Connor during this call
6 she was going to revise the original spreadsheet provided to Defendant Wagenhals
7 relating to Mr. Larson and Mr. Grdina's stock sales to include AMMO press releases,
8 SEC filings, etc. and provide it to Mr. O'Connor for his review. She wanted to be sure
9 during his informal review of the Company's financial records, Mr. O'Connor could
10 analyze these transactions and provide guidance to the Board of Directors for remedial
11 action.
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13 57. During the April 24, 2019 telephone call with Mr. O'Connor, Plaintiff also
14 expressed that her interactions with Mr. Larson and Defendant Wagenhals were
15 becoming more uncomfortable and she wanted to be sure the Board had the information
16 she had assembled and could properly investigate the issues to protect itself as well as the
17 shareholders. They also discussed the requirement for the Board to ensure proper self-
18 reporting measures with the SEC were taken.
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20 58. On April 24, 2019, Tod Wagenhals came to see Plaintiff, and told her that
21 Adrian Dare, a former employee, had reached out to Defendant Wagenhals expressing
22 concerns about insider trading and the impact of the sales on the value of his and other
23 investors' stock. Tod Wagenhals then handed Plaintiff a copy of the email received from
24 Mr. Dare. On information and belief, the Company responded denying any sales took
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1 place when it absolutely knew both Mr. Larson and Mr. Grdina among others had, in fact,
2 sold stock during black-out periods and without proper disclosure, and reminded Mr.
3 Dare of his confidentiality obligations under the terms of his separation agreement. Tod
4 Wagenhals expressed his frustration that no action was being taken by his father to
5 remove Messrs. Larson, Daddio, Flynn, or Moororian and that he had several friends
6 invested in the Company who could all be in jeopardy based upon the actions of this
7 small group of employees.
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9 59. On April 29, 2019, CFO Rob Wiley came to Plaintiff and told her Dan
10 O'Connor had requested information from him and showed her the list of reports and files
11 requested. Mr. Wiley asked for her opinion on how to handle this and whether he should
12 first discuss this with Mr. Larson or Defendant Wagenhals. Plaintiff told Mr. Wiley it
13 was her opinion he should provide anything asked by a Board member, especially the
14 Audit Committee Chairman, but that it was up to him to determine how to approach the
15 request with Defendant Wagenhals and Mr. Larson. Mr. Wiley shared with Plaintiff that
16 he knew if Mr. Larson found out, he would be angry.
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18 60. Plaintiff reminded Mr. Wiley his primary fiduciary duty was to protect and
19 serve the shareholders and told him she would provide all requested documentation
20 immediately but left him to decide how to proceed. The last thing Mr. Wiley said was
21 that he was going to send the information and not say anything to Mr. Larson, fearing
22 discord similar to what he was observing with Plaintiff. On several occasions, Mr. Wiley
23 commented to Plaintiff that he was sorry she was going through difficult times with Mr.
24 Larson and Defendant Wagenhals.
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1 61. On April 29, 2019 and continuing forward, Plaintiff received several calls
2 from Mr. O'Connor requesting explanations or input on several of the items he received
3 from Mr. Wiley. This included information pertaining to stock trades, knowledge of the
4 documentation supporting the lifting of the stock restrictions for certain insiders, requests
5 for information on shares issued to insiders or officers, whether or not Plaintiff was aware
6 of Mr. Larson's lawsuit brought by the SEC investigation, activities relating to
7 Jagemann's acquisition, and the Company's public statements. Mr. O'Connor also asked
8 her point blank whether she believed any activity existed that could be considered insider
9 trading.
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11 62. Plaintiff informed Mr. O'Connor of the facts alleged as outlined in this
12 Complaint. She also told him she believed Mr. Larson was now working to discredit her
13 with Defendant Wagenhals and was intentionally working around her with her employees
14 and assigned functions in an effort to have her removed from her responsibilities, and
15 force her out of the Company entirely. Mr. O'Connor asked her if she had reported any
16 of this to Defendant Wagenhals. Plaintiff responded that she had discussed all of the
17 information with Defendant Wagenhals, with no action on his part taken. Mr. O'Connor
18 then asked whether disciplinary action was taken with Mr. Larson or Mr. Grdina. She
19 informed Mr. O'Connor that Mr. Grdina had been terminated in December of 2018, but
20 she had no specific knowledge of any action taken with Mr. Larson. Mr. O'Connor asked
21 why she believed only Mr. Grdina was addressed, to which she responded the stock sale
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1 issues were secondary to his not being able to work for AMMO, Inc. or enter the facility
2 due to a prior felony conviction.³

3 63. During one of many conversations, Mr. O'Connor told Plaintiff there was
4 no reason for concern in her sharing any of this information with him, as it would be
5 covered under the Whistle Blower regulations, as well as the Company's own internal
6 policies. At that point, she told Mr. O'Connor her understanding that Whistle Blower
7 regulations also extended to conversations she had with Defendant Wagenhals as the
8 Chairman and CEO relating to Mr. Larson and Mr. Grdina on prior occasions. Mr.
9 O'Connor agreed.
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11 **F. The Hostile Work Environment Intensifies.**

12 64. By early May 2019, tensions were elevating between Defendant
13 Wagenhals, Mr. Larson and Mr. O'Connor due to Mr. O'Connor's continued requests for
14 information and his position that the Company's internal controls were inadequate.
15 Defendant Wagenhals came into Plaintiff's office on or about May 2, 2019 frustrated,
16 telling her that Mr. O'Connor was demanding information and said Mr. O'Connor would
17 be preparing a memorandum to the full Board to include recent transactions. Defendant
18 Wagenhals commented the Company did not need this type of problem right now, as it
19 had to ensure its SEC filings on Forms 8-K, 10-K and S-1/A were all filed timely to
20 ensure they could continue to raise much needed capital, and regain shareholder trust.
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24 ³ Defendant AMMO, Inc. holds a Class 10 Federal Firearms License that prohibits the
25 Company from employing anyone with a prior felony conviction, unless that individual's
rights have been fully reinstated.

1 65. Plaintiff expressed to Defendant Wagenhals that Mr. O'Connor was doing
2 his job as the Audit Committee Chair and was within his assigned duties and
3 responsibilities to investigate and report any concerns relating to the Company's internal
4 financial controls as they pertained to protecting the shareholders and relating to the
5 Company's public reporting. Plaintiff asked if Defendant Wagenhals wanted her to
6 contact Mr. O'Connor to discuss the targeted filing schedule for May 31, 2019, and to
7 determine what if anything he would need to support the effort. Defendant Wagenhals
8 said yes, and asked Plaintiff to ensure Mr. O'Connor was committed to the timely filings.
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10 66. During this conversation, Plaintiff also told Defendant Wagenhals the
11 Company had missed its payment commitments to Jagemann and the communication
12 between AMMO and Jagemann had neither been transparent or timely according to her
13 discussions and email correspondence with Ralph Hardt, President of Jagemann
14 Stamping. She also advised Defendant Wagenhals that based on the information relayed
15 to the NYSE by Mr. Larson and Mr. Wiley, the extension of the outstanding note payable
16 to Jagemann was now critical. Plaintiff noted that without the extension presented in the
17 pro forma statements, the Company would not have sufficient working capital, and risked
18 being issued a "going concern opinion" by the auditing firm. If this occurred, it was
19 questionable whether they would be approved for trading on the NYSE. She told
20 Defendant Wagenhals she hoped Mr. Larson and John Flynn, General Counsel, had been
21 able to negotiate the extension before the May 31, 2019 filing date to avoid further issues
22 relating to the accuracy of the Company's application submittal to the NYSE in April.
23 Defendant Wagenhals agreed.
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1 67. On May 3, 2019, Plaintiff called Mr. O'Connor and talked with him about
2 the current status of the financial audit of Jagemann, as well as the Form 8-K and S-1/A
3 filings in process as instructed by Defendant Wagenhals. During this discussion, Mr.
4 O'Connor asked her about the Jagemann payments due by April 30, 2019. She told him
5 it was her understanding the Company was able to secure most of the required payment
6 due, but according to information Tod Wagenhals shared with her, Mr. Larson had
7 advanced Defendant AMMO the remaining \$375,000 required to meet the terms of the
8 Note. Plaintiff and Mr. O'Connor discussed the fact that this advance was not approved
9 by the Board as is required for all debt encumbrances. Mr. O'Connor advised the more
10 appropriate action by Mr. Larson and Mr. Flynn would have been to request an extension
11 from Tom Jagemann, providing additional time for raising capital through the current
12 stock offering.
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15 68. During the call, Mr. O'Connor also noted that Mr. Larson's note to the
16 Company to cover the shortfall due was a related-party transaction by virtue of both Mr.
17 Larson's stock holdings and his position as an executive within the organization;
18 something that would require additional SEC disclosure, also triggering the necessity for
19 Board approval. Mr. O'Connor said he intended to contact Mr. Flynn and Mr. Larson
20 regarding the related-party note, and he was preparing a memorandum for the Board and
21 Defendant Wagenhals. Mr. O'Connor stated he wanted to be sure all directors were
22 aware of the concerns he found in his review of the Company's records, and to advise
23 them that related-party transactions like the Note from Mr. Larson, require pre-approval
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1 by the Board of Directors. Neither Mr. Larson nor Mr. Flynn obtained this approval prior
2 to accepting the funds.

3 69. Mr. O'Connor stated he also intended to express in this memorandum his
4 growing concerns relating to the lack of internal controls in place, as well as the blatant
5 disregard by Defendant Wagenhals, Mr. Larson and Mr. Flynn for corporate governance
6 and the oversight role of the Board of Directors. Mr. O'Connor further stressed his
7 discomfort with Mr. Larson and Mr. Flynn's actions and their lack of transparency with
8 the Board. During the discussion, Mr. O'Connor also asked Plaintiff how she was doing.
9 She commented things were becoming strained now that Mr. Larson, Mr. Flynn and
10 Defendant Wagenhals were aware she was talking with him and that as a result of the
11 tension, she was uncertain about her future with the Company, and operated one day at a
12 time remaining focused on her objectives and team.
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14 70. On May 6, 2019, Plaintiff told Defendant Wagenhals she had called Mr.
15 O'Connor the previous Friday and that Mr. O'Connor was frustrated because he felt like
16 he was being stonewalled and not receiving the information he requested. Mr. O'Connor
17 told Plaintiff he was not attempting to create a problem for AMMO, but was genuinely
18 concerned about several issues he felt needed to be addressed by the Board. Defendant
19 Wagenhals was notably angry that Plaintiff had talked with Mr. O'Connor, asking why
20 she would discuss anything with him. Plaintiff reminded Defendant Wagenhals that Mr.
21 O'Connor was the Audit Committee Chair, was doing his job as the Chair, and that
22 Defendant Wagenhals himself asked her to contact him on May 2, 2019.
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G. Plaintiff's Objection to Mr. Larson's Inappropriate Draft Press Release Creates Additional Tension.

71. On May 8, 2019, Defendant Wagenhals handed Plaintiff a draft press release written by Mr. Larson announcing the State of Arizona Contract recently awarded to AMMO. Plaintiff told Defendant Wagenhals the Company should not be promoting this Contract because it was not guaranteed revenue, something Defendant Wagenhals and Plaintiff discussed in mid-April after receiving notification from the State of Arizona. Defendant AMMO had only been approved as an ammunition supply source (low margin practice rounds only) for Arizona State agencies. The Company would have to go out to each agency covered by the Contract and earn each respective agency's business. Plaintiff also shared with Defendant Wagenhals that once information became public, Plaintiff and Defendant Wagenhals would get called for clarification on how this impacted the Company's financial performance and there was no way the Company could accurately assess or respond to shareholders or potential investors.

72. On that date, Defendant Wagenhals again agreed with Plaintiff not to promote the Contract in a press release. It is important to note that following the April exchanges between Mr. Larson and Plaintiff, Mr. Larson was now taking point on press releases for Plaintiff's assigned Division and reaching out to the contacts Plaintiff worked with directly to get information. Historically, Plaintiff would draft, or participate in the drafting of all press releases updating shareholders on her assigned market, as she was closest to the information, and had significant experience preparing investor communications. In addition to being removed from the written disclosure process for

1 her Division, Plaintiff was also no longer asked to participate in calls with prospective
2 investors or meetings with financial institutions, something she had been involved with
3 from late August of 2018 until early April 2019. It is her belief this was done in
4 retaliation, as well as to prevent her from hearing the information relayed to investors and
5 shareholders.

6 73. On May 9, 2019, Plaintiff was once again approached by Defendant
7 Wagenhals regarding a press release relating to the State of Arizona Contract. She
8 reiterated her concerns to Defendant Wagenhals, but after a lengthy exchange Plaintiff
9 agreed to contact the State of Arizona and obtain consent from the assigned Procurement
10 Officer. To ensure nothing went out before the Company received approval from the
11 State to disclose the Contract, she contacted AMMO's public relations firm and advised
12 their contact that contrary to what he may have been told, AMMO needed to obtain
13 approval for any form of a press release relating to the Contract and that she had
14 specifically requested that Defendant Wagenhals not file anything until she got back to
15 them. She told Defendant Wagenhals that if the State of Arizona approved a public
16 notice about the Contract, she would draft a release, based on their discussions, and
17 forward it to him for review before May 13, 2019.

18 74. On May 10, 2019, Plaintiff called Bill Loveland, the Procurement Officer
19 for the State of Arizona Contract as she had committed. She explained that AMMO
20 wanted to issue a press release announcing that it was approved as a supplier for the
21 State. Mr. Loveland immediately asked if she had read the terms and conditions for the
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1 contract, stating it is strictly prohibited, and that Defendant AMMO issuing a public
2 statement would be considered a breach of contract.

3 75. Mr. Loveland also commented the incumbents were already voicing
4 frustrations at AMMO's approval and he thought this might put AMMO in serious
5 jeopardy. Additionally, Mr. Loveland informed her that if the State allowed this activity
6 for one supplier, they would have to authorize and support a press release for each of the
7 other approved suppliers. Mr. Loveland warned Plaintiff against any public statements
8 about the contract. Plaintiff advised Mr. Loveland she would immediately inform
9 AMMO's CEO. Their conversation then focused on opportunities under the current
10 contract that AMMO was qualified for.
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12 76. After Plaintiff notified Defendant Wagenhals about her discussion with the
13 State of Arizona Procurement Officer, he was openly frustrated the Company could not
14 issue some form of press release, later asking Plaintiff why she had even contacted Mr.
15 Loveland for approval. Defendant Wagenhals added it would have been better to proceed
16 with the press release, and Plaintiff could always tell Mr. Loveland that it was the
17 Company's public relations firm that issued it without her approval. She informed
18 Defendant Wagenhals she would not mislead or lie to Mr. Loveland, nor would she
19 jeopardize a contract opportunity she had worked so hard to obtain. The Company did
20 publish a press release on this contract after termination of Plaintiff's employment on
21 July 29, 2019, implying sales under these contracts were imminent.
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24 77. On May 13, 2019, Defendant Wagenhals handed Plaintiff another version
25 of a press release that was again prepared by Mr. Larson to announce the Company had

1 been awarded “several” law enforcement contracts. At that time, only two contracts were
2 in place. One contract was with the State of Arizona, and another with Pinal County,
3 Arizona. Neither of these contracts had generated any sales as of this date, but Plaintiff
4 and her Team were working to secure future orders through formal proposals to the
5 covered agencies.

6 78. Plaintiff also was notified by AMMO’s law enforcement lobbyist that he
7 was asked by Mr. Larson to obtain quotes for the new press release. When Defendant
8 Wagenhals handed the press release to Plaintiff, she reiterated her concerns but told him
9 she would ask Mr. Loveland whether this version would be considered a breach of the
10 contract. She did call and email the Procurement Officer, but he did not respond, which
11 she took as his warning. This was confirmed on a subsequent call with Mr. Loveland the
12 following week when he told Plaintiff he was glad the Company did not go through with
13 a public statement relating to the contract.
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15 79. On May 14, 2019, Plaintiff informed Defendant Wagenhals the Company
16 could not put anything out and he was angry. Defendant Wagenhals said he was under
17 tremendous pressure from the investors on the current stock price given the Company
18 was attempting to raise capital through the sale of its securities, and he needed to be able
19 to talk about her Division’s sales efforts and recent success in being named an
20 ammunition supplier for State agencies. She told him she understood his position but
21 putting anything out publicly was a risk. Plaintiff also reminded Defendant Wagenhals
22 that the investor presentations given and posted on the Company’s website, showed sales
23 coming from Jagemann’s brass casing division and commercial sales. She explained the
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1 investors she spoke with understood the sales cycle for government and military sales and
2 were not expecting significant revenue from her division until late 2019 – early 2020.

3 **H. Defendant Wagenhals Asks Plaintiff to Resign from the Board of**
4 **Directors as a Result of Her Continuing Protected Activity and Plaintiff Refuses to**
5 **Resign.**

6 80. For the remainder of May 14, 2019, and for the days that followed, Plaintiff
7 was removed from discussions relating to press releases and isolated from information
8 pertaining to the company’s operations. On that same day, Defendant Wagenhals came to
9 Plaintiff and suggested she may want to resign from the Board. He said this would
10 eliminate risk if she did not trust the management (meaning himself, Larson and John
11 Flynn) and it would enable her to focus on sales.

12 81. Plaintiff asked Defendant Wagenhals why he would suggest this, and why
13 now. She believed and voiced to Defendant Wagenhals that given their disagreements
14 over the NYSE and how that was handled, the number of disagreements about public
15 statements, and her reporting insider trading, she was being punished. Defendant
16 Wagenhals explained that because Plaintiff seemed concerned about how the Company
17 was being managed, this would allow her to eliminate her risk as a Director and just
18 focus on sales.
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20 82. Defendant Wagenhals also told Plaintiff he did not think she could do both
21 jobs. Plaintiff asked Wagenhals “what changed” and told him she had always had a full-
22 time job and served as a Director, and that the time she spent on Board related issues was
23 minimal. Defendant Wagenhals knew she was more than capable of supporting multiple
24 roles, given his own direction that she not only fulfill her own responsibilities, but also
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1 those covered by Mr. Larson and others to cover absences and support key transactions
2 while also serving as a Director. Plaintiff made it clear to Defendant Wagenhals she had
3 no interest in resigning from the Board, and that they agreed when she accepted
4 employment, she would continue to serve on the Board. Defendant Wagenhals let it drop
5 at that time.

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7 83. On that same day, Tod Wagenhals came to see Plaintiff and told her that
8 there had been discussion between Defendant Wagenhals, Tod Wagenhals, Mr. Larson
9 and Mr. Flynn that maybe Plaintiff should resign from the Board. She informed Tod
10 Wagenhals she expected this from Mr. Larson given his comments on April 10 about her
11 being nothing but a “fucking salesperson” discounting her value and role on the Board of
12 Directors. She also reminded Mr. Wagenhals that Messrs. Larson and Grdina had tried to
13 remove her once before, following a disagreement, citing bylaw restrictions that did not
14 exist. Plaintiff found a typed resignation letter for her on the Company’s fax machine
15 which was immediately taken to Defendant Wagenhals, and the matter was dropped. Tod
16 Wagenhals said he told the three that he knew if Plaintiff was asked to resign from the
17 Board because of lack of faith in the leadership, Plaintiff would also most likely resign
18 from the Company. Tod Wagenhals told Mr. Larson during this discussion that he owed
19 Plaintiff an apology for his inappropriate outburst several weeks back when Mr. Larson
20 came into Plaintiff’s office and yelled profanities at her. Mr. Larson was unaware that
21 anyone had witnessed the confrontation, or that Tod Wagenhals had informed Plaintiff on
22 April 11, 2019, he had overheard the entire event.
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1 84. On May 15, 2019, Plaintiff had another discussion with Defendant
2 Wagenhals regarding the series of events that had transpired since their trip to New York
3 and his recent request for her to step down from the Board of Directors. Specifically, she
4 told Defendant Wagenhals a second time that she felt she was being punished by
5 Wagenhals, for standing up to Mr. Larson and for talking with Dan O'Connor, the
6 Company's Audit Committee Chair. Plaintiff also questioned Defendant Wagenhals as to
7 whether he thought she was a good fit for the organization, given the growing
8 disagreements relating to corporate governance and reporting transparency, coupled with
9 the growing internal isolation she was experiencing.
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11 85. On that date, Defendant Wagenhals told Plaintiff, as he always had, that he
12 wanted her as part of his team and she was a good fit. In fact, Defendant Wagenhals
13 went on to commend her on how hard she worked, coming in before most people arrived
14 in the morning and leaving well after the rest of the staff often times taking work home
15 with her at night and on weekends. He also commented on the value Plaintiff brought to
16 the organization with her Division.
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18 86. Defendant Wagenhals continued by saying it was clear Plaintiff was
19 uncomfortable with decisions he, Mr. Larson and others were making, and resigning as a
20 Director would reduce her liability for their actions. When she questioned his logic since
21 she was presented to shareholders as an officer of the Company, Defendant Wagenhals
22 asked her to think about it. Plaintiff believed after this conversation that Mr. Larson was
23 "untouchable," meaning Defendant Wagenhals had no intention of taking corrective
24 action with him no matter the issue, even though Defendant Wagenhals himself had
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1 commented on several occasions that Mr. Larson was a liability to the Company. It was
2 also becoming clear to Plaintiff, that Defendant Wagenhals, aided by Messrs. Larson and
3 Flynn, were taking steps to remove her from her prior roles and responsibilities because
4 she would not just “go along” with their actions.

5 87. On May 16, 2019, Defendant Wagenhals again came to Plaintiff and
6 suggested she may want to resign from the Board, repeating his same conversation from
7 the day before. He suggested she talk with her husband and they could sit down on the
8 following Monday (May 20, 2019) to discuss.

10 88. On May 17, 2019, with no prior phone call or notice, Plaintiff received an
11 email from Defendant Wagenhals formally requesting that she resign from the Board.

12 89. On that same date, Plaintiff received a call from Jose Rojas, her Director of
13 LE Sales, as Plaintiff was working from home. Mr. Rojas stated that earlier he could
14 hear yelling coming from John Flynn's office between Mr. Flynn and Tod Wagenhals.
15 The two of them had a strained relationship, a discussion Tod Wagenhals had with
16 Plaintiff on several occasions. Something had caused the tensions to elevate to the point
17 of Mr. Flynn shoving Tod Wagenhals against the wall. Mr. Rojas said Tod Wagenhals
18 immediately left and it was now quiet. She asked how the women in the office were
19 doing with this and he said they left not long after.

21 90. Later that day, Plaintiff called Tod Wagenhals to check on him. He said he
22 filed a police report against Mr. Flynn but had not yet decided whether to press charges.
23 Tod Wagenhals was furious about what happened (but did not elaborate) and that his
24 father, who was a witness to Mr. Flynn's misconduct, did nothing. Tod Wagenhals also
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1 expressed his frustration that his father continued to allow Mr. Larson and Mr. Flynn's
2 behavior and actions to go unchecked. He ended the call by saying he was heading out
3 for the weekend.

4 91. In light of Mr. Larson's prior aggressive conduct toward Plaintiff and now
5 this physical altercation between other members of the management team, Plaintiff was
6 growing more concerned for her safety. The tension in the office was escalating, she had
7 lost faith that Defendant Wagenhals would take appropriate action to control the office
8 environment or protect her from either Mr. Larson or Mr. Flynn, and she strongly
9 believed with employees approved to carry firearms and weapons in the office, it was not
10 a safe place for her to work until the matter was formally addressed by the Board of
11 Directors.
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13 92. Plaintiff called Mr. O'Connor and informed him of Defendant Wagenhals'
14 request that she resign from the Board. She also notified him of the Tod
15 Wagenhals/Flynn's physical altercation in the office, and her concerns about working in
16 the office with his investigation pending. At this time, Mr. O'Connor advised Plaintiff to
17 work from home given the escalating tensions between she and Mr. Larson, as well as
18 Mr. Flynn until after the Board Meeting on May 29, 2019.
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20 93. On May 19, 2019, Plaintiff responded to Defendant Wagenhals' email,
21 after taking the entire weekend to prepare it. She wanted to be sure he understood that
22 did she not believe he was the source of the problem, but his failure to take action to de-
23 escalate the environment was placing her in an extremely volatile situation. Her hope
24 was that either they could discuss this or that he would utilize the upcoming Board
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1 meeting to discuss the events with the directors in order to find a satisfactory resolution
2 both for her and for the Company. Plaintiff also told Defendant Wagenhals she would
3 honor the Board's decision after presented with the facts she had prepared, even if that
4 included her stepping down as a Director.

5 **I. Defendant Wagenhals Orchestrates a Shareholder Vote to Remove**
6 **Plaintiff as an AMMO Director Which is Publicly Reported in AMMO's Form 8-K**
7 **Current Report.**

8 94. Plaintiff did not receive a response from Defendant Wagenhals to her email
9 dated May 19, 2019 until she sent him a follow up email on May 23, asking for the status
10 of her position both as a Board member and executive. She did this after a phone call
11 from someone within the Company advising her that a shareholder vote was underway to
12 remove Plaintiff from the Board and that an internal investigation was initiated involving
13 a human resource claim Mr. Larson had filed against Plaintiff. This person highly
14 recommended Plaintiff email Defendant Wagenhals and request to know her status with
15 the Company. The caller also let Plaintiff know that Mr. Larson had inferred through his
16 comments that he was at war with Plaintiff and intended to take her down, which they
17 both took to mean force her out of the Company entirely. The caller also noted that
18 Defendant Wagenhals was backing Mr. Larson and he was not sure, in his words, "this
19 would end well" for Plaintiff.
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22 95. On this same date, Plaintiff received a series of calls from other employees.
23 One of them requested the phone numbers for Board members Plaintiff trusted, as some
24 inappropriate actions were being taken in her absence. Specifically, interviews and
25 conversations were being conducted that accused Plaintiff of a number of issues and they

1 were certain Mr. Larson was driving the false narrative. Plaintiff provided the employees
2 with both Chief Harry Markley's, Retired, Phoenix Police Department and Mr.
3 O'Connor's contact information.

4 96. On May 21, 2019, Mr. O'Connor sent a memorandum to the Board
5 detailing a series of serious issues facing the Company.

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7 **J. Plaintiff Speaks with AMMO SEC Counsel Jon Cohen and is Told**
8 **Defendant Wagenhals Wants Plaintiff to Resign as a Director and as President of**
9 **AMMO's Global Tactical Defense Division.**

10 97. On May 23, 2019, after receiving information that Defendant Wagenhals
11 was orchestrating and facilitating a shareholder vote to remove Plaintiff, she called Jon
12 Cohen, SEC counsel for AMMO. She called Mr. Cohen because she knew if action was
13 pending, he would have to notify her that he was working for the Company and could not
14 discuss anything with her. Mr. Cohen confirmed he could not talk with Plaintiff and their
15 call ended. Plaintiff then called Mr. O'Connor to inform him of what was happening, and
16 about the calls she received warning her about Mr. Larson and Defendant Wagenhals, as
17 well as the employees seeking a conversation with the Board.

18 98. On May 23, 2019, as recommended, Plaintiff sent Defendant Wagenhals an
19 email inquiring as to her status.

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21 99. On May 23, 2019 at 10:35 p.m., Plaintiff received an email from Defendant
22 Wagenhals. Throughout the email, Defendant Wagenhals claimed Plaintiff's concerns
23 were not based on fact but were simply her opinions. However, a review of the
24 documentation will confirm that her concerns were valid and that Mr. Larson and others'
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1 actions were not only potentially violations of SEC laws, but jeopardized shareholders
2 and the Company.

3 100. In his email response, Defendant Wagenhals, for the first time, notified
4 Plaintiff that a Human Resources complaint had been filed against her by Mr. Larson on
5 May 9, 2019. Plaintiff had not been notified of the complaint even though it was
6 standard practice by the Company to notify an employee regarding a complaint
7 immediately, typically within 24 hours. Plaintiff was in the office between May 9, 2019
8 and May 16 and received no such notification. She was now accused of actions which she
9 knew nothing about, her employees were being questioned, and inappropriate water
10 cooler conversations were occurring in the office accusing Plaintiff of ethical violations
11 and breach of her duties, all of which were damaging to her reputation. Plaintiff also
12 became aware that some employees, against their stated objections, were being asked to
13 sign the shareholder proxy to remove Plaintiff from her Board seat, being told that
14 Plaintiff needed to focus on sales, inferring she was not performing her duties, and that
15 Defendant would “appreciate” their support. None of Plaintiff’s employees were asked
16 to vote, nor were Board members Mr. Markley and Mr. O’Connor, the people most
17 familiar with Plaintiff’s sales efforts. At no time on May 23, 2019, did Defendant
18 Wagenhals notify Plaintiff, verbally or in writing, that a consent action to remove her
19 from the Board had been had been executed.

20 101. On the morning of May 24, 2019, Plaintiff received a telephone call from
21 Jon Cohen, SEC Counsel for the Defendant AMMO. He said he was asked, authorized
22 by and calling on behalf of Defendant Wagenhals. Before going further, Mr. Cohen asked
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1 if Plaintiff was represented by counsel, because if she was, he could not talk with her.
2 Plaintiff told him she was not currently represented by legal counsel and that she had
3 hoped it would not come to that. Mr. Cohen continued by stating Defendant Wagenhals
4 wanted him to relay the recommendation that she resign from both her position as a
5 Board member, **as well as** her role as the President of the Global Tactical Defense
6 Division. Mr. Cohen continued by saying that taking this action would avoid any further
7 embarrassment or damage to her reputation, and that she could choose the reason
8 disclosed as personal, health related, etc. Plaintiff asked Mr. Cohen why she would
9 resign given her “Whistleblower” status and the hostile actions taken by Defendants
10 leading up to his call. She also inquired what Mr. Cohen meant by “further damage her
11 reputation”, to which she received no direct response.
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14 102. Plaintiff shared with Mr. Cohen that she had been talking directly with a
15 Board member regarding her concerns including potential violations of SEC rules and
16 regulations, after Defendant Wagenhals failed to take corrective action. She also advised
17 Mr. Cohen that she had requested of Defendant Wagenhals the Board discuss all of her
18 findings at the upcoming Board meeting scheduled for the following week to determine
19 next steps. Finally, Plaintiff advised Mr. Cohen that based on his call to her that
20 morning, and actions underway to remove her as a Director, that she considered the
21 actions further retaliation from both Defendant Wagenhals, Mr. Larson and the Company.
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23 103. Mr. Cohen asked Plaintiff if she wanted to discuss the situation in more
24 detail. In response, Plaintiff shared with him a brief summary of her email to Defendant
25 Wagenhals sent on May 19, 2019. She asked Mr. Cohen why Defendant Wagenhals was

1 asking for her dual resignations when he had already taken action to remove her from the
2 Board. Mr. Cohen acknowledged Defendant Wagenhals had proceeded with a
3 shareholder action, but to his knowledge had “not yet triggered it”, meaning the SEC
4 Form 8-K had not yet been filed announcing her removal from the Board.

5 104. Plaintiff believes Defendant Wagenhals used Mr. Cohen to instigate her
6 resignation, using the threat of public embarrassment as a means to force her resignation.
7 Plaintiff ended the call with Mr. Cohen by saying she had unused vacation and was
8 planning to use it while Mr. O’Connor completed his investigation and the Board
9 convened to review his findings. If necessary, she would get back to him then. Plaintiff
10 immediately called Mr. O’Connor and advised him about the call and notified Defendant
11 Wagenhals that she intended to utilize two weeks of her unused vacation.
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13 105. On May 24, 2019, Plaintiff sent Defendant Wagenhals and Board members
14 a memorandum outlining the sales and activities of the GTDD since the last Board
15 meeting. This was in response to a request from Defendant Wagenhals for an update on
16 her activities and to ensure that the Board members were properly updated on the
17 activities of her department.
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19 106. Between May 24-May 27, 2019, Mr. O’Connor sent a series of emails
20 advising the Board and Jon Cohen that Plaintiff was protected under the Whistleblower
21 regulations, and the continued exchanges were putting all of the directors and officers at
22 risk. He stated it was apparent to him that Plaintiff was being retaliated against, and that
23 it needed to stop immediately. Mr. O’Connor also admonished Mr. Cohen for his call to
24 Plaintiff requesting on the Company’s behalf that she resign.
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1 107. On May 28, 2019, Defendant AMMO filed a Form 8-K Current Report
2 publicly announcing Plaintiff's removal from the Board and she also received a copy of
3 the executed shareholder consents from AMMO.

4 108. On May 29, 2019, Plaintiff sent an email to Jon Cohen and Dan O'Connor
5 and raised issues concerning the accuracy of the "shareholder vote" to remove her from
6 the Board. This was done after reviewing the documents sent to her by the Company
7 (received May 28, 2019) and evaluating shares still outstanding for Mr. Grdina and
8 Defendant Wagenhals on the most recent Stock Transfer agent report available to her.
9 Plaintiff believes the shares voted by Mr. Grdina and Mr. Wagenhals to remove her may
10 be significantly greater than the number of shares actually under their respective control –
11 making their ballots potentially fraudulent, and the results of the shareholder action
12 erroneous.
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14 109. On May 29, 2019, Plaintiff also received a call from Mr. O'Connor,
15 immediately following the Board meeting stating that during the meeting and in a call
16 with the independent members of the Board prior to the Board meeting, that Directors
17 were not aware of Plaintiff's status as a whistleblower. One Director in particular stated
18 that had he been aware of her status, he and his colleague would not have voted for
19 Plaintiff's removal from the Board. Without the vote of this one Director, Tom
20 Jagemann, on behalf of Jagemann Stamping, the Shareholder consent would not have
21 passed. He represented more than 4.7 million shares and later sent a memo in the form of
22 an email to Defendant Wagenhals stating his concerns and requesting Defendant
23 Wagenhals cease any further action against Plaintiff, including her removal from the
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1 Board. This email was sent to Defendant Wagenhals on May 28, 2019 at approximately
2 4:30 pm MST, and was read to Defendant on May 29, 2019 in response to a text message
3 Plaintiff sent to Jagemann personnel this same date.

4 110. On May 30, 2019, Plaintiff received a call notifying her that Defendant
5 Wagenhals and Mr. Larson had told an AMMO employee that Plaintiff “would not be
6 with us much longer” and instructing him to reach out to her customers. This was
7 confirmed by Plaintiff’s discussion with one of her key customers. In light of the events
8 of the past few months, the prior request by Defendant Wagenhals for Plaintiff to resign
9 her Board seat and position as President of GTDD, harassing emails from Mr. Flynn and
10 Defendant Wagenhals, and this latest information from her customer, Plaintiff realized
11 her employment was being terminated. She also learned that Defendant Wagenhals, Chris
12 Larson and John Flynn were attempting to discredit her through misleading allegations to
13 other employees and business contacts while she was out of the office on vacation.
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16 111. On June 7, 2019, counsel for Plaintiff sent Defendant Wagenhals a letter
17 stating, *inter alia*, that Plaintiff had been constructively discharged as follows:

18 Beginning in November 2018 and continuing thereafter, Ms.
19 Hanrahan disclosed to you and the head of AMMO’s Audit Committee
20 potential violations of rules or regulations of the Securities and Exchange
21 Commission committed by various members of AMMO’s management
22 team. As a result of these disclosures: (a) she has experienced a continuing
23 hostile work environment about which she repeatedly complained to you;
24 (b) you then began the process to remove her from the AMMO Board of
25 Directors; (c) you instructed attorney Jon Cohen to ask for her resignation
from Ammo’s Board of Directors and as President of her Division; (d) she
was removed as an AMMO director which has and will cause her to sustain
monetary and reputational damages; (e) you have essentially removed her
from performing many of her job duties and responsibilities pursuant to her
job description which she has dutifully performed since being hired, and (f)

1 fraud against shareholders. If an employer takes retaliatory action against an employee
2 because he or she engaged in any of these protected activities, the employee can file a
3 complaint with the Secretary, United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety
4 and Health Administration (“OSHA”).

5 114. Plaintiff engaged in protected activity under Section 806 of SOX while
6 employed by Defendant AMMO. As alleged herein, while employed in her capacity as an
7 officer and board member, Plaintiff made numerous disclosures over a period of months
8 prior to her removal as a board member and constructive discharge based upon her
9 reasonable belief that Defendant AMMO and its executive officers engaged in conduct
10 that constituted securities fraud, and which conduct violated rules and regulations of the
11 SEC, or potentially fraud against Defendant AMMO’s shareholders. Plaintiff’s
12 reasonable belief of these violations was formed after Plaintiff became aware that
13 Defendants violated certain rules and regulations of the SEC and that Defendants failed
14 to take prompt and effective remedial action or make appropriate disclosures to the SEC,
15 investors and the public concerning these violations.

16 115. Plaintiff reported her concerns about these matters over an extended period
17 of time beginning in November of 2018, extending through her removal from her two
18 positions with Defendant AMMO in May of 2019. This included discussions with her
19 senior management officials including her direct supervisor Defendant Wagenhals, and
20 Mr. O’Connor, head of Defendant AMMO’s Audit Committee, and others including
21 Defendant Wagenhals’ son, Tod Wagenhals, an Executive Vice President for Defendant.
22 Plaintiff reported concerns about certain stock transactions by members of Defendant’s
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1 AMMO's management team including Ricky Moorioian, Dominic Daddio, Christopher
2 Larson and Jay Grdina which she had a reasonable good faith belief violated various SEC
3 rules, laws and regulations including insider trading during the Defendant AMMO's
4 blackout periods. As a result of Defendant AMMO's conduct, Plaintiff reasonably
5 believed that Defendant AMMO failed to fulfill its corporate disclosure/reporting
6 obligations under SEC rules, laws and regulations.

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8 116. Based upon her decades of experience with publicly traded companies,
9 Plaintiff actually and reasonably believed that the actions listed above violated federal
10 statutes, rules and regulations. Because Defendants were heavily regulated by a number
11 of federal agencies, because Plaintiff reasonably believed that Defendants were
12 committing a fraud on both its shareholders and its regulators, and because Plaintiff
13 reasonably believed that such fraud constituted a violation of federal fraud statutes and
14 regulations, including without limitation, the mail fraud, wire fraud, bank fraud and
15 securities fraud statutes, Plaintiff is entitled to bring her claims here.

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17 117. Plaintiff timely filed a whistleblower complaint with OSHA, and 180 days
18 have elapsed since filing that complaint.

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20 118. As a result of Plaintiff's protected activity, Defendants took adverse action
21 against Plaintiff in the form of harassment, expressions of hostility in response to
22 protected disclosures, subjecting Plaintiff to a pattern and practice of harassment, abuse
23 and retaliation over a period of months, and Defendant Wagenhals orchestrated a
24 campaign to demote her from her Board position when she refused to resign, and
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1 subsequently constructively discharged her from her position as the President of the
2 Global Tactical Division of AMMO on June 7, 2019.

3 119. Defendants were aware of Plaintiff's protected activity under SOX because
4 Plaintiff raised her concerns and other protected disclosures directly to Defendant
5 AMMO management, including Defendant Wagenhals, Mr. O'Connor, the Audit
6 Committee Chair, who then notified the entire Board of Directors, SEC Counsel and
7 Executive Management that she was protected as a whistleblower.
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9 120. Plaintiff's protected disclosures under SOX were a contributing factor to
10 the harassment, hostile work environment, demotion and constructive discharge based
11 upon the temporal proximity between her protected activity and the adverse employment
12 actions.
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14 121. As a direct and proximate result of the alleged violations, Plaintiff has
15 suffered loss of employment, lost wages and benefit, loss of compensation from board
16 appointments, loss of stock, mental and emotional distress, and reputational harm and
17 Plaintiff is entitled to full relief as permitted by Section 806 of SOX to make Plaintiff
18 whole.
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20 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants, and each of
21 them, as follows:

22 1. For compensatory damages, including lost wages, lost board compensation,
23 the value of lost stock associated with her employment agreement and other employment
24 benefits, according to proof;

25 2. For general, mental and emotional distress damages according to proof;

4. For an award of litigation costs and attorneys' fees as awardable pursuant to

SOX; and

5. For such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper.

Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff hereby demands a jury trial.

Dated this 16th day of February 2022.

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